

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PRAGUE 01716 051028Z
ACTION VO-05

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 HA-05 CIAE-00 FBIE-00
INSE-00 NSAE-00 SCS-06 /029 W
-----019647 051100Z /10
R 050748Z JUL 78
FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5688

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PRAGUE 1716

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CVIS, CSCS, SHUM, CZ
SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILIES AND TOURIST TRAVEL

REF: 77 PRAGUE 3625

1. FOLLOWING OUR PRACTICE OF NOTIFYING THE MFA AT APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTH INTERVALS OF ALL EMIGRATION CASES IN WHICH WE HAVE AN INTEREST, ON JUNE 27 CONOFF PRESENTED A NEW LIST OF SUCH CASES TO CONSULAR DEPT. OFFICIALS. LIST, WHICH WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPT., INCLUDES NUCLEAR AND NON-NUCLEAR FAMILIES PLUS FIANCEES AND FORMER PERMANENT RESIDENTS.
 2. CONOFF NOTED THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE DURING LAST YEAR IN RESOLVING NUCLEAR FAMILY CASES BUT THAT LONG DELAYS CONTINUED IN A FEW INSTANCES. NUCLEAR FAMILY LIST PRESENTED ONE YEAR AGO CONTAINED TWENTY-NINE CASES, OF WHICH SEVENTEEN WERE RESOLVED AND THREE OTHERS DECIDED NOT TO EMIGRATE.
 3. CONOFF SAID THAT THE PROGRESS OBSERVED IN THE LAST YEAR APPEARED TO BE DUE TO THE PASSAGE LAST YEAR OF REGULATION 58, AND ASKED WHETHER ANY OTHER CHANGES OF LAW COULD BE EXPECTED. MFA OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT NONE
- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PRAGUE 01716 051028Z

ARE PLANNED, AND ADDED THAT DELAYS RESULT FROM FACT THAT NO ADDITIONAL MANPOWER WAS ASSIGNED TO EXISTING OFFICES TO DEAL WITH NEW REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY REGULATION 58. ACCORDING OFFICIAL, BACKLOG OF CASES WILL NOT BE ELIMINATED UNTIL AT LEAST THE END OF THIS YEAR.

4. ALTHOUGH STATISTICS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, CONTINUED OFFICIAL, IT APPEARS THAT MANY FORMER ILLEGAL EMIGRANTS ARE BENEFITTING FROM THE OPPORTUNITY TO NORMALIZE THEIR STATUS WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AND HAVE OBTAINED PERMISSION TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA. CONOFF AGREED THAT MANY AMCITS WHO EMIGRATED IN 1968 AND 1969 ARE NOW RECEIVING THEIR FIRST CZECHOSLOVAK VISAS, AND THAT THEY HAVE ENCOUNTERED FEW PROBLEMS WHILE VISITING.

5. COMMENT: OUR PRESENT LIST OF NUCLEAR FAMILIES (DIVIDED FAMILIES) CONTAINS FIFTEEN CASES, AS COMPARED WITH 36 IN 1974 AND 29 LAST YEAR. WHILE DIFFICULTIES AND DELAYS WILL PERSIST, AND WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT EVERY CASE WILL END SUCCESSFULLY, WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT A LEGAL PROCEDURE HAS BEEN CREATED WHEREBY MANY NUCLEAR FAMILY CASES CAN BE RESOLVED. AT THE SAME TIME WE NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN ALMOST NO PROGRESS IN OTHER TYPES OF EMIGRATION CASES.

6. IT APPEARS THAT TOURIST TRAVEL (MAINLY TO VISIT RELATIVES) BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE U.S. IS INCREASING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. DURING MAY AND JUNE 1978 OUR TOURIST VISA ISSUANCE INCREASED 25 PER CENT OVER THE COMPARABLE PERIOD LAST YEAR.

7. DECONTROL 4 YEARS AFTER RECEIPT OF MESSAGE.
BYRNE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 PRAGUE 01716 051028Z

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TOURISTS, EMIGRANTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978PRAGUE01716
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780275-0891
Format: TEL
From: PRAGUE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780795/aaaadbrg.tel
Line Count: 94
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 0c06fc7a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION VO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 PRAGUE 3625
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2114514
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DIVIDED FAMILIES AND TOURIST TRAVEL
TAGS: CVIS, SHUM, US, CZ, CSCE
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/0c06fc7a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014